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PATENT  
ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. 04148-00031

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Jia Ping Li, Pierre Jean François Layrolle, and )  
Klaas de Groot )  
Serial No.: 10/647,022 )  
Filed: August 18, 2003 )  
Title: POROUS METALS AND METAL )  
COATINGS FOR IMPLANTS )  
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Examiner: Kathleen A. McNelis  
Art Unit: 1742  
Conf. No.: 1537

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Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION FOR ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. section 1.136, Applicants hereby petition that the period for response to Examiner's action mailed August 21, 2006, be extended for one month to and including December 21, 2006.

Please apply the instant fee, in the amount of \$60.00, and any other charges or any credits to our Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: December 20, 2006

  
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